15

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A data transmission apparatus for receiving data transmitted via a line under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, said data transmission apparatus comprising:

a measuring unit which measures a state of the line; a transmission rate determining unit which determines a transmission rate based on the measured result of the measuring unit at an interval of the intervals that the noise level is low, whereas determining the transmission rate as zero at an interval that the noise level is high;

a posting unit which posts the transmission rate determined by the transmission rate determining unit to a transmission side; and

a receiving unit which receives data transmitted via the line at the transmission rate determined by the transmission rate determining unit.

20 2. The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when a predetermined condition is satisfied, the transmission rate determining unit determines the transmission rate based on the measured result of the measuring unit also at the interval that the noise level is high.

25

3. The data transmission apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the condition relates to a state of a power supply of the data transmission apparatus or a state which is changed in response to the state of the power supply.

5

- 4. The data transmission apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the power supply is a battery.
- 5. Adata transmission apparatus for transmitting desired
 data via a line under a noise environment in which two time
 spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively,
 said data transmission apparatus comprising:

a measuring signal transmission unit which, at the time of starting communication, transmits a predetermined receivable signal at an interval that the noise level is low, whereas transmitting abnormal unreceivable data at an interval that the noise level is high to a receiving side via the line as a measuring signal; and

a transmission unit which transmits data to be transmitted at a transmission rate posted from the receiving side via the line.

6. The data transmission apparatus according to claim 5, wherein, when a predetermined condition is satisfied, the measuring signal transmission unit transmits the

25

predetermined receivable signal as the measuring signal also at the interval that the noise level is high.

- 7. The data transmission apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the condition relates to a state of a power supply of the data transmission apparatus or a state which is changed in response to the state of the power supply.
- 8. The data transmission apparatus according to claim
 10 7, wherein the power supply is a battery.
 - 9. A data transmission method under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, the data transmission method comprising the steps of:

evaluating a level of a noise at an interval that the noise level is low and transmitting data at a transmission rate which is determined based on the evaluated result; and

setting the transmission rate to zero at an interval

20 that the noise level is high so as not to transmit data.

10. A data transmission method of receiving data transmitted via a line under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, the data transmission method comprising the

25

steps of:

measuring a state of the line;

determining a transmission rate based on the measured result at an interval of the intervals that the noise level is low, whereas determining the transmission rate as zero at an interval that the noise level is high;

posting the determined transmission rate to a transmission side; and

receiving data at the transmission rate posted to the transmission side.

- 11. The data transmission method according to claim 10, wherein, when a predetermined condition is satisfied, the transmission rate is determined based on the measured result also at the interval that the noise level is high.
- 12. The data transmission method according to claim 11, wherein the condition relates to a state of a power supply on a receiving side or a state which is changed in response to the state of the power supply.
 - 13. A data transmission method of transmitting a measuring signal at the time of starting communication in a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively and measuring this signal so

25

as to measure a condition of a line and transmitting data at transmission rates determined for each interval based on the measured result, wherein,

at the time of the measurement, a predetermined receivable signal is transmitted at an interval that the noise level is low, whereas abnormal unreceivable data are transmitted at an interval that the noise level is high.

14. A data transmission method of transmitting data via a line under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, wherein,

at the time of starting communication, a transmission side transmits a predetermined receivable signal at an interval that the noise level is low, whereas transmits abnormal unreceivable data are transmitted at an interval that the noise level is high via the line as a measuring signal; and

the transmission side transmits data via the line at 20 a transmission rate posted from the receiving side.

15. The data transmission method according to claim 14, wherein, when a predetermined condition is satisfied, the receivable signal which is predetermined is transmitted also at the interval that the noise level is high as the measuring

signal.

- 16. The data transmission method according to claim 15, wherein the condition relates to a state of a power supply on the transmission side or a state which is changed in response to the state of the power supply.
- 17. A computer readable medium for storing instructions, which when executed on a computer, causes the computer to perform data transmission method under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, the data transmission method comprising the steps of:

evaluating a level of a noise at an interval that the noise level is low and transmitting data at a transmission rate which is determined based on the evaluated result; and setting the transmission rate to zero at an interval that the noise level is high so as not to transmit data.

20 18. A computer readable medium for storing instructions, which when executed on a computer, causes the computer to perform a data transmission method of receiving data transmitted via a line under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, the data transmission method comprising the

steps of:

measuring a state of the line;

determining a transmission rate based on the measured result at an interval of the intervals that the noise level is low, whereas determining the transmission rate as zero at an interval that the noise level is high;

posting the determined transmission rate to a transmission side; and

receiving data at the transmission rate posted to the transmission side.

19. A computer readable medium for storing instructions, which when executed on a computer, causes the computer to perform data transmission method of transmitting a measuring signal at the time of starting communication in a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively and measuring this signal so as to measure a condition of a line and transmitting data at transmission rates determined for each interval based on the measured result, wherein,

at the time of the measurement, a predetermined receivable signal is transmitted at an interval that the noise level is low, whereas abnormal unreceivable data are transmitted at an interval that the noise level is high.

20

20. A computer readable medium for storing instructions, which when executed on a computer, causes the computer to perform data transmission method of transmitting data via a line under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, wherein,

at the time of starting communication, a transmission side transmits a predetermined receivable signal at an interval that the noise level is low, whereas transmits abnormal unreceivable data are transmitted at an interval that the noise level is high via the line as a measuring signal; and

the transmission side transmits data via the line at a transmission rate posted from the receiving side.

15

20

21. A computer program causes the computer to perform data transmission method under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, the data transmission method comprising the steps of:

evaluating a level of a noise at an interval that the noise level is low and transmitting data at a transmission rate which is determined based on the evaluated result; and

setting the transmission rate to zero at an interval that the noise level is high so as not to transmit data.

22. A computer program causes the computer to perform a data transmission method of receiving data transmitted via a line under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, the data transmission method comprising the steps of:

measuring a state of the line;

determining a transmission rate based on the measured result at an interval of the intervals that the noise level is low, whereas determining the transmission rate as zero at an interval that the noise level is high;

posting the determined transmission rate to a transmission side; and

receiving data at the transmission rate posted to the transmission side.

15

20

5

23. A computer program causes the computer to perform data transmission method of transmitting a measuring signal at the time of starting communication in a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively and measuring this signal so as to measure a condition of a line and transmitting data at transmission rates determined for each interval based on the measured result, wherein,

at the time of the measurement, a predetermined receivable signal is transmitted at an interval that the

noise level is low, whereas abnormal unreceivable data are transmitted at an interval that the noise level is high.

24. A computer program causes the computer to perform data transmission method of transmitting data via a line under a noise environment in which two time spaces having different noise levels appear alternatively, wherein,

at the time of starting communication, a transmission side transmits a predetermined receivable signal at an interval that the noise level is low, whereas transmits abnormal unreceivable data are transmitted at an interval that the noise level is high via the line as a measuring signal; and

the transmission side transmits data via the line at a transmission rate posted from the receiving side.